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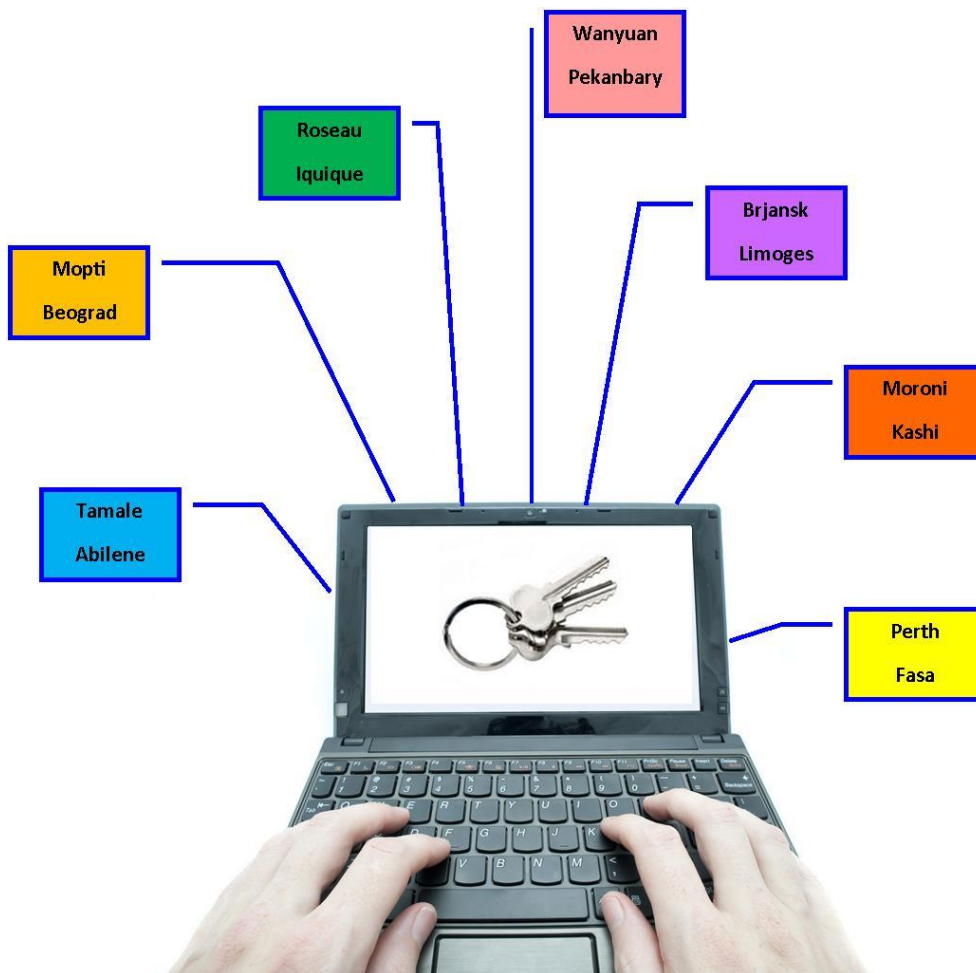
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Norden Division

The Norden Division held its yearly meeting in Oslo, Norway on 24 March 2017. Eleven members from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden were present at the meeting. It was particularly nice to have a representative from the Kven communities present and much valuable new information was relayed.

A number of important and central subjects were discussed at the meeting, among others the latest news from the Norden Division area – including information on developments in geographical names regulations, geographical names databases, the effects of administrative changes to the namespace, minority name issues, new and ongoing projects and recent publications.

Much of the meeting was spent on preparations for the joint 11th UNCSGN Conference and 30th UNGEKN Session, which included discussions in relation to the 50 Anniversary of the UNCSGN Conferences and the proposed changes in operational model for UNGEKN – as was the question of the relationship between UNGEKN and UN-GGIM and how to further national cooperation among division members and national UN-GGIM members.

Otherwise, the meeting focused on the change of chairmanship from Denmark to Norway. The current chair has been in charge of the Norden Division for two periods and feels it is time to hand over the chairmanship to Norway, which has kindly accepted. The new Norden Division Chair will be Ingvil Nordland of the Norwegian Language Council (Språkrådet) and she will officially be taking over the chair in August at the 11th UNCSGN Conference (see below). In order to secure a smooth transition, the current chair, Peder Gammeltoft, will continue as secretary of the division.

The next Norden Division Meeting will take place on 8 August 2017 in New York, in conjunction with the 11th UNCSGN Conference and 30th UNGEKN Session 7 - 18 August 2017. The meeting will take place at the United Nations Headquarters a date and time to be announced.

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